

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (previously presented) An external preparation for skin which comprises one kind or two or more kinds of organic acid(s) and one kind or two or more kinds of nonionic water soluble polymer(s) except for polysaccharides, and is characterized by having a pH of 2.0 or less.

2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented) The external preparation for skin according to claim 1 wherein the preparation has a pH of 1.4 or less.

6. (previously presented) An external preparation for skin which comprises glycolic acid and polyvinyl alcohol, and has a pH of 2.0 or less.

7. (previously presented) The external preparation for skin according to claim 6 wherein the preparation has a pH of 1.4 or less.

8. (new) A method of chemically peeling skin comprising contacting the skin with the preparation of claim 1.

9. (new) A method of chemically peeling skin comprising contacting the skin with the preparation of claim 5.

10. (new) A method of chemically peeling skin comprising contacting the skin with the preparation of claim 6.

11. (new) A method of chemically peeling skin comprising contacting the skin with the preparation of claim 7.